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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1987				REVISED DECEMBER 1986				REVISED JANUARY 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,936.0	1,651.9	284.1	14.7	1,961.0	1,698.5	262.5	13.4	1,953.3	1,718.5	234.8	12.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.0	52.9	7.1	11.8	60.5	54.2	6.3	10.4	58.0	52.2	5.8	10.1
Baton Rouge 2/	260.1	229.1	31.0	11.9	263.8	235.6	28.2	10.7	261.1	232.2	28.9	11.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	74.7	59.4	15.3	20.5	75.9	61.7	14.2	18.7	77.1	67.5	9.6	12.4
Lafayette 4/	101.3	84.5	16.8	16.6	104.3	88.3	16.0	15.3	108.2	97.8	10.4	9.6
Lake Charles 5/	73.0	61.9	11.1	15.2	73.9	63.3	10.6	14.4	75.2	65.2	10.0	13.3
Monroe 6/	67.5	59.3	8.2	12.1	70.5	63.1	7.4	10.5	67.9	60.7	7.2	10.6
New Orleans 7/	590.7	522.1	68.6	11.6	598.7	533.7	65.0	10.9	599.6	538.9	60.7	10.1
Shreveport 8/	165.1	142.3	22.8	13.8	167.0	145.7	21.3	12.8	167.6	147.7	19.9	11.9

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for Louisiana during January amounted to 1,488,900, a decrease of 20,500 workers from the December 1986 revised figure and 67,900 below January 1986. A seasonal decrease in retail trade was largely responsible for the decline in the total nonmanufacturing level for January. Manufacturing payrolls were down as a result of a seasonal decline in nondurable goods.

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Estimated employment in the total durable goods segment of manufacturing was unchanged from last month. Less demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products payrolls. Transportation equipment employment was up this month due mostly to increased payrolls in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 2,100 workers from the December 1986 revised figure of 95,200. The most significant factor in this month's decrease was a seasonal decline in food and kindred products manufacturing. Less demand in most segments of paper and allied products resulted in lower employment for this industry. Chemicals and allied products employment dropped by 200 workers in January.

Louisiana's estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries during January was 1,324,700, down by 18,400 from December 1986 and 64,200 below the year-ago figure. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Employment was lower throughout the construction industry for January, especially for heavy construction contractors. Less business for the state's ports and decreased trucking and warehousing employment both were largely responsible for the downturn in transportation and public utilities. Seasonal cutbacks in retail trade were most significant in the downturn of total trade employment. Credit agencies, other than banks, and insurance carriers were instrumental in the increase of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Decreases in educational services employment were largely responsible in the lower payrolls for total services this month. Government payrolls were down mostly as a result of a decrease in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 117,300 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $457.31 in December to $442.49 in January, a decrease of $14.82, but an increase of $5.27 above January 1986. Average hourly earnings were eight cents higher in January than last month and $0.23 more than January of last year. Weekly hours averaged 41.2 for the current month, a decrease of 1.7 hours from last month's average of 42.9 hours.

Total unemployment in Louisiana, estimated at 284,100 for January, was up by 21,600 from December's revised level of 262,500 and 49,300 above January a year ago. The unemployment rate for January was 14.7 percent compared to December's revised rate of 13.4 percent and 12.0 percent for January 1986. The comparable national unemployment rate for January was 7.3 percent compared to 6.3 percent in December and 7.3 percent for January of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,961,000 in December to 1,936,000 in January, a decrease of 25,000. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,698,500 in December to 1,651,900 in January, a drop of 46,600.

The state's unemployment rate may rise slightly during the next month. Manufacturing employment may increase next month. Trade employment is expected to fall, while government payrolls may rise slightly.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change from December 1986	Net Change from January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,488.9	1,509.4	1,556.8	-20.5	-67.9
MINING	58.3	58.6	78.2	- 0.3	-19.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	55.6	55.8	75.2	- 0.2	-19.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.8	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	84.1	85.7	94.6	- 1.6	-10.5
MANUFACTURING	164.2	166.3	167.9	- 2.1	- 3.7
Durable Goods	71.1	71.1	74.4	0	- 3.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	6.0	6.3	- 0.2	- 0.5
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	11.7	11.7	13.2	0	- 1.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.2	8.2	9.4	0	- 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.6	7.9	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.7	19.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	93.1	95.2	93.5	- 2.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	21.0	22.6	20.0	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.0	8.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	11.7	12.1	11.8	- 0.4	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.8	10.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.6	26.9	- 0.2	- 1.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.2	105.9	112.6	- 0.7	- 7.4
Railroad Transportation	5.5	5.5	5.9	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.3	59.0	65.2	- 0.7	- 6.9
Water Transportation	22.8	23.2	28.5	- 0.4	- 5.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.4	41.4	41.5	0	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.5	19.5	- 0.1	- 1.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.0	22.9	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	360.4	369.8	374.4	- 9.4	-14.0
Wholesale Trade	81.2	81.9	88.1	- 0.7	- 6.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.5	45.5	51.4	0	- 5.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	35.7	36.4	36.7	- 0.7	- 1.0
Retail Trade	279.2	287.9	286.3	- 8.7	- 7.1
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.4	63.8	60.8	- 5.4	- 2.4
Food Stores	57.3	57.5	53.6	- 0.2	+ 3.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.4	30.1	32.0	- 0.7	- 2.6
Eating & Drinking Places	82.9	83.6	85.1	- 0.7	- 2.2
Other Retail Trade	51.2	52.9	54.8	- 1.7	- 3.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change from December 1986	Net Change from January 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.0	84.7	85.6	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Banking	26.1	26.1	27.2	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	313.1	315.6	320.4	- 2.5	- 7.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.5	22.9	23.0	- 0.4	- 0.5
Personal Services	14.7	14.4	15.4	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Business Services	54.7	54.1	58.9	+ 0.6	- 4.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.9	6.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.6	8.9	8.8	- 0.3	- 0.2
Health Services	96.3	96.3	93.5	0	+ 2.8
Legal Services	14.4	14.4	14.0	0	+ 0.4
Educational Services	20.2	21.6	22.8	- 1.4	- 2.6
Social Services	18.4	18.7	18.7	- 0.3	- 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.4	25.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	16.1	17.1	- 0.2	- 1.2
GOVERNMENT	318.6	322.8	323.1	- 4.2	- 4.5
Federal	36.0	36.1	35.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
State and Local	282.6	286.7	287.6	- 4.1	- 5.0
State	100.0	102.9	102.1	- 2.9	- 2.1
Local	182.6	183.8	185.5	- 1.2	- 2.9

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$442.49	$457.31	$437.22	41.2	42.9	41.6	$10.74	$10.66	$10.51
Durable Goods	390.22	402.27	392.51	39.9	41.6	41.1	9.78	9.67	9.55
Lumber & Wood Products	338.48	335.24	312.53	42.9	41.8	40.8	7.89	8.02	7.66
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	349.32	353.19	351.54	37.4	37.1	37.8	9.34	9.52	9.30
Fabricated Metal Products	389.23	418.61	404.84	40.8	45.9	41.1	9.54	9.12	9.85
Machinery, ex. Electrical	453.90	455.27	416.99	42.5	43.4	42.9	10.68	10.49	9.72
Electric & Electronic Equip.	437.58	451.91	459.79	37.4	38.2	41.2	11.70	11.83	11.16
Transportation Equipment	415.94	437.85	444.36	38.3	41.7	42.0	10.86	10.50	10.58
Nondurable Goods	487.72	502.92	477.12	42.3	44.0	42.0	11.53	11.43	11.36
Food & Kindred Products	307.72	332.51	299.54	39.2	44.1	38.7	7.85	7.54	7.74
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	211.20	215.74	195.04	39.7	40.4	36.8	5.32	5.34	5.30
Paper & Allied Products	532.47	588.07	554.46	40.4	43.4	43.9	13.18	13.55	12.63
Printing & Publishing	380.54	391.02	392.03	38.4	38.6	38.7	9.91	10.13	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	693.34	717.78	661.12	46.1	46.7	44.4	15.04	15.37	14.89
Petroleum & Coal Products	698.02	689.30	689.12	47.1	46.2	47.2	14.82	14.92	14.60
Petroleum Refining	716.38	705.09	706.48	47.6	47.1	47.8	15.05	14.97	14.78
MINING	564.57	564.04	540.44	45.9	47.2	47.2	12.30	11.95	11.45
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	491.38	512.23	522.83	39.5	39.8	41.2	12.44	12.87	12.69
BANKING	266.87	269.70	261.50	37.8	39.2	38.4	7.06	6.88	6.81

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 117,300 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 01 87				REVISED 12 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,500	19,050	4,450	19.0	23,825	19,525	4,300	18.0
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,175	7,575	1,600	17.4	9,300	7,775	1,525	16.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,200	5,525	2,675	32.6	7,925	5,950	1,975	24.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,375	12,725	3,650	22.3	16,200	12,925	3,275	20.2
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,575	11,575	2,000	14.8	14,125	12,250	1,875	13.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	5,575	1,075	16.2	6,750	5,700	1,050	15.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,450	3,575	875	19.6	4,550	3,675	875	19.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,475	3,800	675	15.0	4,450	3,875	575	12.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,850	3,450	1,400	29.1	4,750	3,525	1,225	25.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,400	6,450	950	12.9	7,575	6,650	925	12.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,100	7,800	2,300	22.8	10,075	8,000	2,075	20.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,250	10,950	2,300	17.3	13,375	11,175	2,200	16.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,100	2,975	1,125	27.6	4,025	3,025	1,000	24.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,525	7,350	1,175	13.7	8,600	7,575	1,025	11.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,750	10,925	2,825	20.6	13,900	11,250	2,650	19.1
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,400	6,375	2,025	24.1	8,275	6,575	1,700	20.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,750	5,525	1,225	18.1	6,700	5,625	1,075	16.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	29,350	22,450	6,900	23.5	29,300	23,325	5,975	20.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,250	9,925	2,325	19.0	12,275	10,175	2,100	17.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,075	6,300	775	11.0	7,275	6,525	750	10.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,675	10,300	2,375	18.7	12,800	10,475	2,325	18.1
JENA (LASALLE)	6,725	5,600	1,125	16.7	6,800	5,750	1,050	15.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,675	16,425	1,250	7.1	17,900	16,700	1,200	6.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,875	4,600	1,275	21.8	5,800	4,750	1,050	18.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,275	9,750	2,525	20.6	12,125	10,000	2,125	17.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,325	14,825	2,500	14.4	17,425	15,150	2,275	13.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,400	7,975	1,425	15.2	9,525	8,175	1,350	14.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,250	6,275	1,975	24.0	8,175	6,550	1,625	20.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,200	3,625	575	13.8	4,375	3,700	675	15.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,475	6,725	1,750	20.5	8,450	6,900	1,550	18.5
MANY (SABINE)	10,125	8,650	1,475	14.6	10,200	8,825	1,375	13.6
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,000	2,425	575	18.9	3,025	2,500	525	17.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,500	6,825	1,675	19.7	8,375	7,050	1,325	15.9
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	35,600	27,625	7,975	22.4	35,400	28,100	7,300	20.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	28,175	20,275	7,900	28.0	28,000	20,900	7,100	25.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,825	32,400	6,425	16.5	39,375	33,475	5,900	15.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,400	2,725	675	19.5	3,450	2,775	675	19.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,150	6,825	1,325	16.1	8,200	7,050	1,150	14.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,300	16,250	5,050	23.7	21,375	16,700	4,675	21-9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,600	16,650	1,950	10.5	19,200	17,350	1,850	9.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,325	15,600	2,725	14.8	18,525	16,000	2,525	13.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,675	16,150	3,525	17.9	19,800	16,525	3,275	16.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,975	3,500	1,475	29.6	4,850	3,575	1,275	26.5
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,625	600	14.3	4,225	3,750	475	11.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,650	4,900	750	13.4	5,775	5,075	700	12.2

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	46.2	44.8	- 0.7	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	11.1	10.2	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.6	9.0	8.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.3	1.8	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.0	10.4	0	+ 0.6
Health Services	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.9	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.3	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	4.9	5.0	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Local	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 during January. This estimate was 700 less than December and 700 more than January of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during January totaled 3,300. This is unchanged since last year and 100 less than last month. The reduction since last month was in lumber and wood products.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,200 during January. This was a decline of 600 since December and an increase of 700 over January of last year. Since last month, the major reductions were in retail trade which was due to seasonal reductions after the holiday season. Compared to January of last year, major gains have been in retail trade and services. Declines over this period were in construction and state government.

During the next thirty days slight declines should continue in retail trade and a slight growth in the unemployment rate is expected.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	212.2	214.3	214.1	- 2.1	- 1.9
MANUFACTURING	18.7	19.0	19.2	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.7	15.0	15.3	- 0.3	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.4	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	0.8	0	+ 0.3
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	19.3	20.0	21.0	- 0.7	- 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.0	52.7	52.4	- 0.7	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.4	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.5	7.5	8.1	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.3	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	40.9	41.6	41.0	- 0.7	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.4	13.6	0	- 0.2
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.4	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.0	41.3	41.0	- 0.3	0
GOVERNMENT	56.4	56.5	55.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	54.1	54.3	53.3	- 0.2	+ 0.8
State	33.1	33.0	31.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Local	21.0	21.3	21.5	- 0.3	- 0.5

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$507.56	$513.36	$529.19	41.4	41.5	42.2	$12.26	$12.37	$12.54
Petro-Chemicals	686.88	721.43	702.34	48.0	47.4	47.2	14.31	15.22	14.88

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 11,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 212,200 during January was down 2,100 from the December revised estimate. Manufacturing was down 300 and nonmanufacturing was down 1,800.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 in January, was down during the current period. Durable goods employment had no change. Nondurable goods was down due to a seasonal drop in sugar and confectionery products, and less business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total nonmanufacturing was down during the current period. Mining had no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential building, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, in electrical work, and in miscellaneous special trades contractors. Transportation and public utilities had no change. Wholesale and retail trade lost 700 jobs due to seasonal declines in department stores, in motor vehicle dealers (new and used), and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate had no change. Services was down due to less business in hospitals and seasonal declines in hotels and motels, and in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. Government was down due to a decline in local government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 11,900 production workers in all manufacturing was $507.56, down $5.80 from the revised December average. Average weekly hours were down 0.1 hours and average hourly earnings were down $0.11 from last month's averages. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 229,100 during January, down 6,500 from December's revised total. Unemployment, at 31,000 during January, was up 2,800 from the December total. The January unemployment rate at 11.9 percent was up from last month's revised 10.7 percent and unchanged from January of last year. The statewide unemployment rate for January was 14.7 percent and the national rate was 7.3 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,100 during the current period.

Unemployment and the unemployment rate are expected to reflect little change during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,380 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 209 applicants in jobs during January.

The consumer price index for December, 1986 for all urban consumers was 331.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 325.7 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.4	53.4	59.6	- 1.0	- 7.2
MANUFACTURING	4.8	5.1	4.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.5	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.7	2.0	1.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
MINING	6.0	6.0	8.0	0	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.5	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.7	6.0	7.4	- 0.3	- 1.7
Water Transportation	3.5	3.7	4.7	- 0.2	- 1.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.4	14.6	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.7	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	11.3	0	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.5	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.0	7.9	8.9	+ 0.1	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	10.6	11.0	11.1	- 0.4	- 0.5
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.5	10.6	- 0.4	- 0.5
State	3.0	3.2	2.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.3	7.7	- 0.2	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in January moved down to 52,400, a level 1,000 below December. A continuation of the problems that hurt the area in the past year was mostly responsible. Since January of 1986, total employment lost 7,200 workers, showing a reduction of 12.1 percent.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,800 in January, down 300 over the previous month. Durable goods were unchanged over the previous month, but nondurable goods decreased 300 with the end of the seafood processing season. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 100.

State government reflected a temporary downturn as educational services moved into the period between semesters. Local government sustained an overall downtrend. Water transportation showed a decrease. Construction tapered off in the worst season of the year for outside work. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited a very minor overall downturn. More favorably, wholesale trade pushed up slightly. Services added workers, mostly in business services. Mining held steady.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA (CONTINUED)
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in January pushed up to 15,300, a level 1,100 above December. Seasonal factors as well as problems of a longer range nature were responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 20.5 percent of the labor force compared to 18.7 percent in December and 12.4 percent in January of last year. The January rate was higher than the state rate of 14.7 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 4,025.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Mining and construction will benefit from better weather conditions. Many changes on the local level will depend on developments in the national and world economies, especially those that closely affect the oil and gas industry. Little change is forecast for unemployment in this local area.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.0	84.6	95.3	- 2.6	-13.3
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.9	6.2	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.5	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	10.7	11.4	15.4	- 0.7	- 4.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.2	4.3	- 0.2	- 1.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.8	22.5	25.1	- 0.7	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.9	6.1	- 0.1	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	4.0	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	17.0	17.6	19.0	- 0.6	- 2.0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.0	3.2	3.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.8	0	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade	9.7	10.1	10.7	- 0.4	- 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.1	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.5	17.6	20.1	- 0.1	- 2.6
GOVERNMENT	12.7	13.5	12.8	- 0.8	- 0.1
Federal	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	12.6	11.9	- 0.7	0
State	4.8	5.3	4.3	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Local	7.1	7.3	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,000 a decrease of 2,600 from the December 1986 revised level and 13,300 below the January 1986 figure.

Nonmanufacturing employment, at 76,100 showed a decrease of 2,600 from last month and was 13,000 lower than the year-ago figure.

Mining was estimated at 10,700, down 700 from December and 4,700 less than the January 1986 figure.

Retail trade and state government showed seasonal declines of 600 and 500 respectively.

The unemployment rate in the Lafayette area will probably remain about the same for the next month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.5	56.8	59.2	- 0.3	- 2.7
MANUFACTURING	8.7	8.6	9.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.0	8.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.2	7.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	4.8	5.0	6.4	- 0.2	- 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.8	4.0	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	14.2	14.0	- 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.4	11.1	- 0.3	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.8	2.0	1.7	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.7	10.5	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.4	0.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.7	0.6	- 0.1	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.3	6.3	6.4	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for January in the Lake Charles LMA stood at 56,500, a decrease of 300 from the December 1986 revised level and 2,700 below the comparable period a year ago.

Total nonmanufacturing employment fell by 400 in January from the December figure and showed a 2,400 drop from January a year ago.

Construction declined by 200 and retail trade exhibited a seasonal decrease of 300 from the December level.

The unemployment rate will probably remain close to the current level for the next month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.6	55.9	54.4	- 2.3	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.5	7.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.0	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.7	- 0.1	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.0	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	15.4	15.2	- 0.7	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	10.9	11.6	11.4	- 0.7	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	3.2	3.5	- 0.4	- 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.4	3.2	- 0.2	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.0	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.9	11.4	10.0	- 1.5	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.3	10.8	9.4	- 1.5	- 0.1
State	3.9	5.0	3.6	- 1.1	+ 0.3
Local	5.4	5.8	5.8	- 0.4	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimated at 53,600 during mid-January was 2,300 below the December estimate of 55,900. The loss reflects the end of the holiday season as well as the semester break at local educational facilities.

Manufacturing was down minimally to 7,400. The slight decline was in nondurable goods.

Government declined by 1,500 to an estimated 9,900 reflecting the semester break at educational facilities and the cut back in other programs. Wholesale and retail trade, down by 700, reflects the ending of the holiday season. Services was up by 100; while construction declined by 100. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment is expected to remain relatively stable; while unemployment remains high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.7	516.3	527.3	- 3.6	-14.6
MANUFACTURING	44.6	44.7	44.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	21.4	21.4	21.7	0	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	+ 0.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.9	8.1	7.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	23.2	23.3	22.7	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	7.2	7.4	6.7	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.6	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	16.3	16.2	18.3	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.4	15.3	17.4	+ 0.1	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.9	25.9	- 0.5	- 2.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.2	42.3	45.0	- 0.1	- 2.8
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.5	11.2	13.4	+ 0.3	- 1.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.8	137.2	137.6	- 1.4	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	32.2	32.3	34.1	- 0.1	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	19.0	18.8	20.4	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.5	13.7	- 0.3	- 0.5
Retail Trade	103.6	104.9	103.5	- 1.3	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.7	33.7	33.4	0	+ 0.3
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
SERVICES	131.8	132.7	134.2	- 0.9	- 2.4
GOVERNMENT	84.9	85.6	88.5	- 0.7	- 3.6
Federal	15.6	15.6	15.3	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	69.3	70.0	73.2	- 0.7	- 3.9
State	19.8	20.4	20.8	- 0.6	- 1.0
Local	49.5	49.6	52.4	- 0.1	- 2.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$437.12	$442.68	$430.77	40.7	42.0	40.6	$10.74	$10.54	$10.61
Durable Goods	398.27	410.52	395.76	39.2	41.3	40.8	10.16	9.94	9.70
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	276.64	307.30	311.86	28.2	29.1	29.2	9.81	10.56	10.68
Fabricated Metal Products	487.54	485.44	418.82	46.3	44.7	40.9	10.53	10.86	10.24
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	370.74	391.77	383.95	37.6	41.9	42.1	9.86	9.35	9.12
Nondurable Goods	475.59	472.01	463.85	42.2	42.6	40.3	11.27	11.08	11.51
Food & Kindred Products	340.20	345.28	317.04	40.5	41.7	36.4	8.40	8.28	8.71
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	137.25	169.40	153.17	25.0	30.8	27.9	5.49	5.50	5.49
Paper & Allied Products	396.04	454.45	434.31	44.7	48.5	46.6	8.86	9.37	9.32
Printing & Publishing	342.10	351.12	378.90	40.2	38.5	39.8	8.51	9.12	9.52
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	715.18	700.58	710.01	47.3	46.0	44.1	15.12	15.23	16.10

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in January decreased to 512,700, a level 3,600 below December. Changes were mostly of a seasonal nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 14,600 workers, with every industry division except manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate exhibiting a decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 44,600 in January, down 100 from the previous month. In durable goods, ship and boatbuilding and repair decreased 200 over the previous month as contracts were completed. In nondurable goods, food and kindred products registered a downturn with the end of the seafood processing season. Printing and publishing edged up 100 with an increase in business in this segment. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is up 200.

Retail trade made normal seasonal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. In wholesale trade, an upturn in durable goods was offset by a downturn in nondurable goods. Services was lowered by a temporary downturn as private educational services moved into the period between semesters. State government decreased, reflecting seasonal changes as well as problems of a longer range nature. Construction moved down to an even lower level in the worst season of the year for outside activity. Transportation and public utilities exhibited small decreases in several industries which together offset a gain in water transportation. More favorably, mining added a small number of workers. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $437.12 a week in January, down $5.56 from last month's average. Average weekly hours decreased one hour and eighteen minutes from the previous month, but average hourly earnings increased $0.20. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $6.35 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in January pushed up to 68,600, a level 3,600 above December. Seasonal factors as well as problems of a longer range nature were responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 11.6 percent of the labor force compared to 10.9 percent in December and 10.1 percent in January of last year. The January rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 14.7 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,788. About 43.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximatley 34.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Construction and mining will increase activity as weather conditions improve. Retail trade will probably add workers as the Easter season approaches. Unemployment will likely show a small decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.2	132.3	136.0	- 1.1	- 4.8
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.6	19.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	13.3	13.3	13.8	0	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.8	7.8	8.4	0	- 0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.2	6.2	6.6	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	3.4	3.2	4.8	+ 0.2	- 1.4
CONSTRUCTION	6.9	6.9	7.7	0	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.4	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.4	31.2	32.6	- 0.8	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.7	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.9
Retail Trade	22.8	23.5	24.1	- 0.7	- 1.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	30.4	31.2	30.0	- 0.8	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	25.3	25.0	25.4	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Federal	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	20.8	20.6	21.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2
State	6.4	6.2	6.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Local	14.4	14.4	14.5	0	- 0.1

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$461.13	$530.64	$435.71	40.7	44.0	39.9	$11.33	$12.06	$10.92
Lumber and Wood Products	220.82	175.39	232.38	36.2	28.8	37.3	6.10	6.09	6.23
Metals and Machinery	515.79	658.37	411.08	43.6	50.8	40.5	11.83	12.96	10.15
Food and Kindred Products	315.15	312.89	310.78	40.3	40.9	41.0	7.82	7.65	7.58
Printing and Publishing	299.72	318.32	274.52	29.5	33.9	30.2	10.16	9.39	9.09
Petroleum and Coal Products	544.83	621.07	520.30	47.5	45.6	43.0	11.47	13.62	12.10

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural employment total for the Shreveport labor market area dropped to 131,200, down from the revised December estimate of 132,300, and was 4,800 less than January, 1986. Manufacturing employment showed a slight gain resulting from an increase in nondurable goods production. The decline in nonmanufacturing employment during the past month has occurred primarily in trade and services industries.

The manufacturing employment total of 18,700 was nearly unchanged from 18,600 in December and only 500 less than January, 1986. The employment increase in other nondurable goods from 2,200 to 2,300 was the only change in manufacturing workers during the past month.

Nonmanufacturing employment estimated at 112,500, dropped from 113,700 in December and has decreased from 116,800 one year ago. During the past month both trade and services lost 800 workers. There was a minimal loss in transportation and public utilities, down from 8,400 in December to 8,300 in January. Employment gains in mining and government partially offsets job losses in trade and services industries. Employment in mining increased from 3,200 in December to 3,400, while federal government moved up from 4,400 to 4,500, and state government increased to 6,400, up from 6,200.

The Shreveport labor area has 13,600 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $461.13, down from $530.64 last month. Average weekly hours dropped to 40.7, below the previous months average of 44.0. The average hourly earnings of $11.33 fell below the $12.06 hourly earnings for last month, but up from $10.92 in January, 1986.

The Shreveport LMA has a civilian labor force estimated at 165,100, with 142,300 employed and 22,800 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area is 13.8 percent.

No significant change is expected in this area through the first quarter of 1987. Nonagricultural employment will likely level off near the current total, while total unemployment should peak around 23,000 in the area.

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